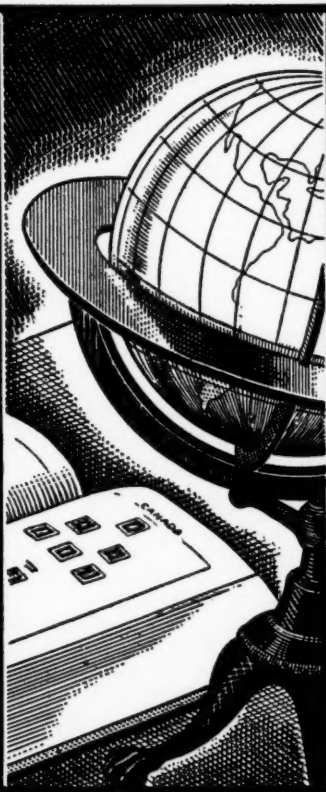


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By George W. Linn



WORDS fail one when they have seen the Third International Philatelic Exposition and attempt to speak of it to others. Even the great P. T. Barnum would be stumped for words to describe its magnitude, to tell of the Philatelic gems that were on display, to speak of the treasures that one did see and which one would doubt their very existence had he not seen them with his own eyes.

There was so much to see, so many pleasant acquaintances to renew and so many happy new ones to make that in the ten full days allotted to the show, one could not do justice to all the opportunities presented.

Just to take the catalogue in hand and view the nearly 3000 frames, each of which held from 16 to 20 pages from albums of over 900 exhibitors was a task that one could not accomplish in the span of time for which the show was open.

Sightseeing in New York is something that can be done at any time and such time as one would give to sightseeing at an event such as this stamp show was naturally during the hours after the show was closed and even then, the best part of those hours were more happily spent in meeting the collectors from all over America as well as from many foreign countries, for they were here from everywhere.

The hotels in the immediate vicinity of Grand Central Palace were filled to capacity. The Lexington was sold out a week before the show opened. Other hotels near the Exhibition Hall reported heavy reservations and the Hotel New Weston, which caters particularly to foreign visitors reported over 140 reservations were made. Felix Cohen of Alexandria, Egypt, stopped at this hotel. The prize for coming from the furthest distance goes to Mr. Patrick Malone, of Hobart, Tasmania. He was accompanied by Mr. Sharples, of Adelaide, South Australia.

While I did not have the pleasure of meeting either of these latter gen-

tlemen, I did meet such notables as Theodore Champion, of Paris; Dr. Diena, of Rome, Italy; G. F. Rapkin, of London; Mr. and Mrs. Lee, of London, Mr. Lee being a well-known dealer in British Colonials. Mrs. Douglas Armstrong, wife of the well-known Philatelic Author and Publisher of London. There were also many others, but the names of these stand out in my mind and will long be remembered because of a very pleasant evening spent with all excepting the first two mentioned. In this party were also Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Weiss, of Cincinnati; Harry Gray, of Oakland, California, and Lincoln Russell, of Columbus.

After the small hours of the morning were well on their way, most of the party retired. It was then that the writer had the pleasure of showing Mr. Cohen and Mr. Gray some of the sights of New York. A visit was first made to the cafe of Jack Dempsey, almost deserted at the hour we arrived, although earlier in the evening so crowded that it was almost impossible to get a table. After a brief stay here a trip to Greenwich Village was made where Mr. Cohen felt much at home.

It was at Marta's, a Spanish restaurant on West 8th Street, where Felix addressed the waiter who came to serve us, in Spanish. The waiter did not understand and immediately called a little sleek haired boy to whom Felix spoke in Spanish and the boy's face glowed like a warm sun and his smile was interesting to behold. It was like meeting someone from home for both of them, and it required but a few moments to learn that the boy was from Bogota, Colombia.

After some time at this place it was time for all of us to get a little sleep before sunrise and we hied ourselves back to our hotels for a bit of shuteye.

The Official Catalogue of the Exhibition is a book of 250 pages and within its covers one finds a complete program of the events. It would be impossible to speak of all the inter-

esting events in an article such as this and the best we can do is to accept the fact that things happened according to schedule and many things happened that were not scheduled. We strongly recommend that you obtain a copy of this official program which can be procured for 50 cents, plus postage charges.

To obtain some idea of the magnitude of this exhibition it is only necessary to know that a force of 300 collectors gave the better part of three days' time to placing the album pages in the frames. Nearly 3000 large frames were required and these were scattered throughout three entire floors of Grand Central Palace. A floor space of 125,000 square feet, more than 50% larger than "IPOSTA" at Berlin in 1930 or "WIPA" at Vienna in 1933. More than 100 dealers had booths at the show and it is to the credit of Philately that the Manhattan Construction Co., which installed these booths, state that the booth of the Scott Stamp and Coin Company of New York was the largest single installation of any booth that their company had ever made in Grand Central Palace for any exhibition of any kind. Other large booths which we noted in particular were the booths of H. E. Harris & Company, "STAMPS" Magazine, Nicholas Sanabria, Charles J. Phillips and Stanley Gibbons. There were probably others as large or larger but memory fails us.

Dr. Eckener, Chief Officer of the Airship Hindenberg which arrived at New York early in the morning, May 10th, appeared at Grand Central Palace in the afternoon where he addressed a group of collectors in the lecture room. Among other things Dr. Eckener autographed two covers, so we are told, one of which is to go to President Roosevelt.

Dr. Eckener spoke of stamps and stamp collecting and stated that he owed a great debt to American collectors for it was stamp collectors' money that had made possible several of his flights, in particular the around the world flight which was financed

wholly from remittances for covers from stamp collectors. He estimated that between one and two million dollars had been given by stamp collectors toward his various flights in their experimental stages.

New York newspapers were lavish in their use of space for the exhibition. Whole sections of ten pages were given over to the stamp show. The New York Sun issued a special 24 page tabloid section which was given free at its booth to all visitors.

As has already been stated, there is so much to tell about, the event was so magnificent, so fascinating and so enjoyable that it will live long in the memory of all who were fortunate enough to be able to attend and from those we saw there during our brief stay in New York, it seems that most of the best known collectors from all parts of America were on hand at some time during the week.

From time to time, other matters of interest will be spoken of in future issues but this article had best be closed now by appending a bit of copy which was prepared by Mr. R. A. Barry who handled much of the advance news for the exhibition.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt, by pressing a button in Washington, which turned a flood of light onto the Court of Honor, formally opened the Third International Philatelic Exhibition, in Grand Central Palace, on Saturday, May 9, 1936, at 10 A. M. For this exhibition the Post Office Department prepared special souvenir sheets of four recent commemorative 3-cent stamps which were placed on sale for the first time in the special Post Office installed in the

exhibition hall, the first sheet of which was sold over the counter by Postmaster General James A. Farley to Alfred F. Lichtenstein, president of the exhibition to be placed on a letter containing a gold seal of the State of New York, addressed to President Roosevelt by Governor Herbert H. Lehman.

Following the sale of the first stamps there were addresses of welcome by Mr. Lichtenstein, Rear Admiral Frederic R. Harris, Albert Goldman, Postmaster of New York, and Postmaster General Farley, who, on the signal from President Roosevelt, turned over the show to the stamp collectors gathered from all parts of the world to examine at close range the cream of the world's stamps.

The stamps were shown in some 3,000 frames occupying three floors of Grand Central Palace, and included every phase of collecting from the juvenile gathering of the common current varieties to the museum pieces of the specialist and the rarities that are almost without price; collections of precancelled stamps; airmails, regular and pioneer, covers before stamps; postmasters' provisionals; express company stamps; revenues; collections of 19th and 20th Century postal issues; specialized collections; the stories of the Pony Express and the Civil War told in stamps and covers; proofs and essays—in fact, every branch of philately recognized by collectors from every country in the world. To the Court of Honor were assigned the issues from 1840 to 1850 and in this section every known variety in this first decade of stamps were shown in special frames with heavy plate glass covers watched over by armed guards.

Shows such as this are held in this country but once in ten years. This is the third of its kind to be held here, the former having been in New York City in 1913 and 1926, and the next is scheduled for 1947, the centenary of the issuance of the first United States stamps. In other years international stamp shows have been held in London, Paris, Berlin and other European capitals and to all of them the world's leading collectors sent stamps to compete for the prizes offered. In the present show the awards were bronze, silver, silver-gilt and gold medals for each of the classifications, plaques for sectional winners and a grand prize for

the best exhibit in the show. Gold medal winners in former shows competed among themselves and were not permitted to enter in the lower classes. The judges selected were internationally famous philatelists, some American and others from Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia.

In addition to collectors' exhibits, sixteen governments arranged for special displays. Great Britain sent the original dies of the first stamps printed, the penny black and twopence blue, the product of the famous stamp printing firm of Perkins, Bacon and Company, in London, in 1840, and a motion picture was shown in the lecture hall of the exhibition reenacting the events leading up to and the production of these first stamps. Our own Post Office Department installed a sub-post office, a branch of the Washington Philatelic Agency, where all current stamps could be bought and a stamp printing press where the processes of stamp manufacture were shown. The Government exhibits were in charge of Alvin W. Hall, Director, and Jack Smith, Superintendent, of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Third Assistant Postmaster General Clinton B. Eilenberger, under whose direction stamps are issued and Robert E. Fellers, Superintendent, Stamp Division, who has in the past supervised first day stamp sales and whose department includes the Philatelic Agency. Charles P. Graddick, Superintendent of Airmails, visited the show on Airmail Day.

Each day of the show was designated for some special activity. On Sunday, May 10th, the Airship Hindenburg arrived at the end of its first trans-Atlantic trip to North America, and, according to plans of the Zeppelin Corporation, Dr. Hugo Eckener visited the exhibition in the

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afternoon. This being Mothers Day, the day was appropriately dedicated to it and Miss Anna Jarvis, founder of Mothers Day spoke. Monday, May 11th, was International Day, when foreign members of the Committee of Honor, Ambassadors and Consuls, many of whom entered exhibits, were formally received. Tuesday, May 12th, was Exhibitors' Day, when the activities centered about the prominent collectors who had stamps on display.

On Wednesday, May 13th, the program was in charge of the hundred dealers who took booths at the show. Thursday, May 14th, was Airmail Day, when the airmail collectors held a reception for Amelia Earhart and other noted aviators. Friday, May 15th, was Philatelic Organization Day, when the *American Philatelic Society*, the *Bureau Issues Association*, the *National Federation of Stamp Clubs, Inc.*, the *New Jersey Philatelic Federation* and other societies held informal conventions and the *American Airmail Society* its annual convention at the Hotel Lexington. The exhibition banquet, at which the prize winners were announced, was held at the Hotel Astor. Preliminary estimates indicated that one thousand collectors and their friends would attend.

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For the benefit of out-of-town visitors daily programs of other activities were arranged. These included sight-seeing trips with stops at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Natural History, the Museum of Science and Industry, the Hayden Planetarium, the American Numismatic Museum, a trip through the plant of the Herald Tribune and a visit aboard the French Liner Normandie.

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This collection is probably the finest accumulation of material of this character in existence. It has frequently been displayed and has always aroused much interest. Now that others who have shown an interest in such covers may benefit by the knowledge gathered by Mr. Stern, the same has been assembled and published in book form and the book of more than 200 pages with hundreds of illustrations from pieces in the author's collection is made available to those interested.

This book will long serve both as a text book and a catalogue of this part of our hobby for it is closely allied to stamp collecting.

There are so many beautiful and interesting illustrations throughout this book that it is a very valuable addition to any library and should be obtained by everyone who has interest in such material. The book is published by H. L. Lindquist, 100 Sixth Avenue, New York. We do not find the price quoted.

"STAMP COLLECTORS HAND BOOK" by Kent B. Stiles. This is a very instructive and interesting 48-page book filled with information that every collector wants in very brief and condensed form. Mr. Stiles is a well known Philatelic writer and is editor of the American Stamp Digest. The booklet is offered by the publishers, the National Scientific Publications, 142 West 24th Street, New York, at 25c.

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is not so situated as to be able to meet visitors who desire to meet the local collectors or attend the local club meeting. If this is the case, a member whom visiting collectors may contact is so noted at the foot of the Club data. If the Secretary's name is marked thus (*), it indicates that he is the Contact Man. Abbreviations: A. P. S.—American Philatelic Society; S. P. A.—Society for Philatelic Americans; A. A. M. S.—American Air Mail Society; U. S. A.—Universal Stamp Association; J.—Juniors; S.—Seniors.

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The Society holds meetings every Tuesday evening at 248 E. 82nd Street where visitors are always welcome.

Further information can be had of the Secretary, John Arnosti, Box 445, Grand Central Station, New York.




"I see where a woman is suing for divorce from her collector husband," mused Hortense, the philatelic cat. "Says he has \$50,000 tied up in stamps while she

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To fellow philatelists, assembled in New York for the Third International Philatelic Exhibition, I send greetings and best wishes.

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Mr. Ickes has been an active stamp collector for many years.

Rose Festival Cachet

The Annual Portland Rose Festival at Portland, Oregon, is to be held in conjunction with the First National Air Mail Rose Show, sponsored by Portland, Oregon, postal employees. The event will be June 10 to 14th and a special cachet with a different rose printed in the cachet will be offered each day. Covers of 6¾ size only with light card filler should be sent for each day or for any day. Cachets are to be printed and covers stamped and ready to go must be sent to Mr. Louis R. Diesing, P. O. Box 3964, Portland, Ore., before June 10th.

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Straight From the Shoulder

A Few Minutes with the Editor

A TRIP TO THE STAMP SHOW.

Elsewhere in this issue I have attempted to tell something of this grand Exhibition widely advertised as TIPEX — Third International Philatelic Exhibition which was held in New York from May 9th to 17th.

Advance publicity told of so many events that one simply could attempt to participate in but a few of them for lack of time and lack of physical ability.

Our trip, and I say "our" because Lincoln Russell drove to New York and I accompanied him. Also with us was John Angle, of Piqua, Ohio, now attending the Ohio State University in this city.

Our trip was a most interesting one for we drove by way of Route 22 through Pennsylvania and passed through the part of the state that suffered most from the March flood. It was surprising to find that such rapid recovery had been made in most sections, that few traces of the flood remained. Perhaps the most damage we could note was in Johnstown.

On many roads there were detours due to bridges being washed out and much road repair and construction was under way. As one traveled through the valleys of Pennsylvania it was difficult to believe what we saw with our own eyes. Vast areas where we could know from observation that

there must have been from 25 to 50 feet of water covering miles of territory between mountain ranges and totally submerging hundreds of houses and business blocks in some of the localities.

At one place where we stopped at Lewistown, Pa., the garage man who occupied a substantial brick building, pointed to a small stream about 50 feet wide and apparently a foot or two in depth and stated that that stream had risen 42 feet, coming up seven feet in his garage, and on to the east which was down hill from his place, there was the entire eastern section of the city which must have been totally under water. This valley after leading one out of town, wound on around the hills for miles.

It was utterly unbelievable, the amount of water that must have covered the western half of Pennsylvania's valleys, and of course the towns were mostly in the valleys.

As far east as Harrisburg there were noticeable on all sides, many remains of the flood. Filling stations were represented only by a battery of pumps, summer cottages along the rivers had been bodily picked up and crushed in the trees. Covered bridges lifted from their piers and set somewhere down stream.

We left Columbus at 4 o'clock Thursday, May 7th, spent the first night at Blairsville, and arrived in New York Friday evening.

Since the object of the trip on the part of Mr. Russell was to mail more than 7000 first day covers, for which he prevailed upon me to go with him and help at the task, it was our first object in arriving, to arrange to get the stamps as early as possible on Saturday.

Friday evening I called at the Exposition postoffice in Grand Central Palace and arrived after Mr. Robert Fellers of the Agency had left the building. After some time I learned he was at the Hotel Lexington where I went at once and the first man I saw on entering the lobby was Mr. Clinton B. Eilenberger, Third Assistant Postmaster General. Mr. Eilenberger directed me in finding Mr. Fellers and a cordial few minutes chat was had with "Bob" when

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Mr. Fellers stated on Friday night that the New York Postoffice at that time had over 100,000 covers from collectors.

On arriving in New York, Mr. Russell received at the hotel, a package of more than 100 orders which he serviced on Saturday.

We were assisted by John Angle and Mr. Charles DeMuth, a New York collector, who dropped in for a visit and got enthusiastic over the job and helped for a bit. In addition, two typewriters and girls were obtained from the Underwood Agency and the entire lot of covers were in the post-office by 7:30 p. m.

After that there was nothing to do but look at stamps and meet the collectors and I can assure anyone that looking at stamps all day, walking

up and down aisles, holding a catalog and checking exhibits until 10 o'clock in the evening and then partying with other stamp enthusiasts for hours afterward and snatching a few hours sleep before sunrise and starting over again the next day, makes a hard day's work.

Columbus was well represented and we have reason to feel proud of the number from this city and from surrounding points and throughout Ohio for many of the collectors who are usually seen at stamp shows in this part of the country turned up in New York, during the fore part of the week. Doubtless others showed up before the week was over.

Among Columbus visitors the fore part of the week were: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schenck, George Sturgeon, Mr. Chaney, of the Columbus Postage Stamp Company; Lincoln Russell, John Angle and myself.

Fred Hawkins, of Newark, a member of the local club, was there with the wife and daughter. Mrs. Kern and Mrs. Shaw, of Bucyrus, were on hand also, so that we feel that Columbus and its neighboring towns were well represented.

On returning, we left New York on Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock and were back in Columbus at dark the following evening. A strenuous five days, but one of the most enjoyable that we have ever spent.

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Historic Monasteries on the Stamps

CHAPTER XIX

CONSTANTINE, the Roman Emperor, early in the fourth century bestowed the imperial favor upon Christianity. It must have seemed like a heavenly blessing to the long-persecuted Christians but the blessing was not without its shortcomings. The Church became increasingly wordly under imperial patronage. Many of the more earnest Christians withdrew with disgust and took up the monastic life in isolated places. The common idea that monks and monasteries were parasites on civilization is entirely wrong. In the monasteries the sacred writings were preserved and copied during the Dark Ages. The purest religion of the times was found within their gates. They were the great missionary centers. Even their purely secular contribution was considerable. They preserved learning. They served as places of shelter and entertainment for travelers and were centers of agriculture and artisanship. Make no mistake! These devout men and women who withdrew to the ascetic life in the monasteries made a mighty contribution to our civilization. It is no wonder that many of the great historic monasteries have been honored with a place on the stamps.

In chapter eight we related the tradition of the reason for the founding of Montserrat Monastery. The Spanish 1931 issue of stamps was for the 900th anniversary of the founding of the Monastery and the 50th anniversary of the crowning of the Sacred Image of the Black Virgin by Pope Leo XIII. There were thirteen values with five different designs issued (No. 501-513). The Monastery is on a great naked mass of rock which rises abruptly from the Catalonian plain. The name means "Serrated Mountain" and the four lowest values bear a symbolical design of a saw cutting the mountain top. The design on the 15c and 50c values shows two monks studying the plans for the monastery with a clear view of the "serrated" mountain in the background. The two designs illustrating the image we discussed in chapter eight. The Monastery itself, which is well shown on the 40c and 4p values, is built on a narrow rocky ledge so inaccessible that it is reached by a rack and pinion railway. It has been a popular place of pilgrimage for hundreds of years. Here Ignatius Loyola spent his long period of penitence and thousands now visit the Monastery annually. All newly-married couples in Catalonia must come to the Monastery to have their union blessed. Spain paid a well-merited honor to a venerable religious institution when this set of stamps was issued.

Another issue of Spanish stamps was the airport issue of 1930 in honor of Christopher Columbus. The Monastery of La Rabida was used on eight designs of this issue. There were three 5c values of different color, two 10c, and one each of 15c and 20c (No. 731-735, 743, 744). The peculiar box-like buildings of the Monastery show to good advantage on these

large size stamps. This would be just another monastery and would never have found its way to the stamps except for its interesting connection with Columbus. In January 1492 he was in despair and almost reduced to beggary. He turned aside to this Monastery for a nights lodging. The attention of the Prior, Father Juan Perez, was attracted to him. When Father Perez heard the plans of Columbus he was greatly interested and urged him to remain as the guest of the Monastery while he went to intercede for him with the Queen. Father Perez was the Queen's Confessor and it was his influence that enlisted the aid of the Queen for Columbus. This incident is a good one to remember when someone advances the claim that churchmen have consistently opposed the advance of knowledge. These eight stamps make a beautiful page in any religious collection.

In previous chapters we have treated St. Francis of Assisi, St. Bernard and St. Anthony of Padua. Several monasteries were included in the stamp issues in honor of these Saints. In the St. Francis issue of Italy in 1926 the 40c value (No. 177) bears a picture of the Monastery of St. Damien. It was to the restoration of the ruined church on this spot that St. Francis first gave himself. It became his monastery and the center of his work. The 60c value (No. 178) bears a picture of the Assisi Monastery. It was founded less than two years after his death by the Pope in person. Its very richness and splendor shows with what haste the Franciscans abandoned the ideals of absolute poverty and humility held and lived by their founder. San Marino in 1928 placed the Capucin Church and Convent on two stamps (No. 112, 113) of the issue in commemoration of the seventh centenary of the death of St. Francis.

In the Italian issue of 1931 in commemoration of the seventh centenary of the death of St. Anthony of Padua, the 30c value (No. 260) pictures the Olivares Hermitage. This was a Franciscan center near the Augustinian Monastery of Santa Croce, where St. Anthony, already an Augustinian Monk, made his decision to become a Franciscan. It was at Olivares that he was received into the Franciscan Order.

The Monte Cassino issue of Italy in 1929 was as much in honor of this magnificent fourteen century old monastery as of St. Benedict, its founder. This set easily ranks among the most beautifully printed and colored stamps ever issued. On the 75c and 5 lira values (No. 235, 237) we see a magnificent view of this Monastery perched on its rocky headland not far from Naples. It was first established in 527, on the site of an old Temple to Apollo, by St. Benedict. It was one of the first monasteries to emphasize education and on that account has been through the years a center of liberal learning in Italy. The library is noted for its collection of 50,000 books and 30,000 manuscripts, many of them very ancient. The Courtyard of the Abbey, which is shown on the 20c and 1.25 lira values (No. 232, 236), has echoed through the ages to the tread of some of the greatest scholars of every century since 527. As noted in a previous chapter it was this Monastery that served as a center for the great monastic reforms of St. Benedict. The 50c value (No. 234) bears a very striking picture of the Monks laying the walls of the Monastery. As

mentioned in a previous chapter, the "Death of St. Benedict" and a portrait of the Saint complete the set of stamps. This set is so beautiful that it is a joy to look at.

Bulgaria has many monasteries. As a usual thing they are of poor architecture and falling into decay. Some of them, however, are located in isolated places and during the years of Turkish rule they nourished and kept alive the Bulgar spirit and culture. When the struggle for independence began they were active in sheltering the leaders and aiding in any way that they could. For this cause the Bulgars look upon them with patriotic affection and five of them have been made the main feature of stamp designs.

The greatest of all these Bulgarian Monasteries is that of St. John of Rilo. It is celebrated for its beauty and antiquity. It lies in an isolated mountain fastness near the Turkish frontier. The spot was made sacred by the hermit St. John who inhabited the spot in the 10th century. Tradition says that he fed the robber bands in the vicinity with bread brought by the angels; a rather peculiar idea according to our standards. His body is still on display at the Monastery and many pilgrims annually search out this isolated spot to worship at his shrine. The Monastery was founded soon after his death. Even today its buildings are beautiful and imposing and its museum is filled with priceless antiquities received as votive offerings during the centuries. It is the pride of the nation and has been placed on the stamps seven times. In 1911 a close view of the buildings was used on a 30s value (No. 96), and again in 1915-16 the same design was

re-engraved and used again (No. 121). Then in 1921 a very similar picture was used on a 51 value (No. 166). Fortunately in another issue of 1921 the four highest values (No. 173-176) give us a fine bird's-eye view of the whole Monastery and its site. This picture gives us some idea of the magnitude and beauty of the Monastery and its mountainous location.

In 1918 the Bulgarian government issued a very attractive green stamp of 5s value showing a view of the Monastery of St. John of Ochrida (No. 129). This Monastery was built during the existence of the medieval Kingdom of Bulgaria. It was the last see of the Bulgarian Patriarch before the advancing Turks.

Two monasteries have been honored on the stamps because of their contribution to keeping alive Bulgarian national spirit during the Turkish domination. One of these is the Monastery of the Holy Trinity at Tirnovo. For this reason it was used on the 2L value of the 1911 issue (No. 99). The other, the Convent of Drenows, which was used on the 50s value of 1929 (No. 215), was the center where Bulgarian monks copied and preserved historical documents demonstrating the validity of Bulgarian Nationality which was being denied by the Greek Clergy. Also closely associated with the Independence Movement is the Monastery at Shipka Pass which in 1921 was used on the 75s value (No. 162). This Monastery is a memorial at the celebrated Pass where in August 1877 Russians and Bulgars held the Pass against the terrific onslaughts of the Turkish Army and in this way assured the freedom of Bulgaria.

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NEW BUREAUS.

Jasper, Ind.	#121	1c coil
Buffalo, N. Y.	# 87	17c ord.
Buffalo, N. Y.	# 89	25c ord.
New Berlin, N. Y.	#121	1c coil
Oklahoma City	# 94	3c ord.

—Dr. W. I. Mitchell.

BRIDGEPORT 122.

In a recent Hoover auction Bridgeport 122 received the most bids. This is a 35c item but if it is that popular or desirable it will soon be in the dollar class. A Rochester 14c was second in the bidding and Sioux City, Ia., 122 was third.

SAUK CENTER TO SAUK CENTRE.

From the Precancel Star we learn that the Post Office department has accepted the new spelling "SAUK CENTRE" as official. The railroads had previously conformed their billings, etc. to this spelling. The Blue Valley Creamery Co. is the users of the precancels here. It is supposed that 500,000 stamps were ordered in coils of 500 and when the present supply is exhausted, and in case another order is sent in it is to be expected that the new coils will be changed to the new spelling. If so the old ones or first printing items will be good property unless someone corners a large number of them.

PAPERS AND AUCTIONS.

The Precancel Star came on the wings of a 1/2c and 1c ord. of Warren, Minn. in U-122. The Charter Oak came bearing a 1c Hartford 121 coil. The Yankee, its contemporary came with an ord. 1c of East Templeton, Mass. in U-86. Asheville, N. C. contributes to the hilarity with its "Speaking of Stamps," forwarded by a 3c Texas from Oteen, N. C. in U-122 inverted. Full addresses of the publishers of these papers will be furnished upon request. Each you know caters to some special part of Philately.

L. L. Davis has a precancel auction for May 25th, the Fidelity

Stamp Co. for May 27th. Hoover Bros. last auction May 15 and Robert Richardson of Akron offered some complete sheets in his auction of May 18. You can't get in on any of these auctions but you can get in on their next auctions by getting on the mailing lists of these people now. I will furnish addresses if you don't have them at hand. Many fine precancels are being offered now and the winter high prices are easing off.

PLATE NOTICE.

My Friend L. M. Edmunds of Detroit showed me a block of eight 1c, 1912 issue precancelled Cleveland, Ohio in U-1 double printed. There was a large margin to the right of the block and on this margin was printed the following inscription "NOTICE, These Stamps void for first class postage." This inscription was part of the U-1 plate and as far as is known is the only plate the government released with such an inscription on it.

Death of Mrs. Albert C. Stewart

Philately has suffered a great loss in the death of Norma D. Stewart, wife of Albert C. Stewart of Toledo, Ohio. There will be few collectors who have in past years frequented Conventions of the American Philatelic Society where Mrs. Stewart was always among those present who will not mourn her passing. Mrs. Stewart died after six weeks' illness in the hospital at Toledo, early this month.

Always among the most active and interested as well as one of the most popular ladies at any stamp gathering, Mrs. Stewart had a very wide acquaintance and a host of friends. Her loss will be mourned by many in sympathy with her husband who has spent many years as a stamp dealer.

One of Mrs. Stewart's hobbies was writing poetry and in the past we have published some of her efforts.

Oscar Schenck Buys Hawaiian Rarity

Oscar A. Schenck, best known for his remarkable collection of Mexican stamps, is pictured in a Honolulu newspaper where he was visiting for some weeks past. He is shown holding "the Forbes cover," a particularly fine cover bearing a copy of the 2c Hawaiian Numeral stamp tied with a red cancellation.

Mr. Schenck purchased the cover from F. W. Reid, Honolulu dealer, and formerly located in Denver. After this purchase he took passage for America with his wife where he was going to attend the International Exposition in New York. Although his home is in Columbus he passed directly through the city without leaving the train and your editor had the pleasure of spending several hours on May 10th at the exhibition, in going over the first few hundred frames which showed the leading U. S. exhibits, in his company.

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ABYSSINIA—One million sets of the Red Cross stamps chronicled in our notes of May 2nd were produced. We wonder what their ultimate fate will be?

It will be noted, by referring to our notes of March 7th, that the 4g. and 8g. stamps were not surcharged with the new currency and we are informed, that for the time being, that these values are being regarded as 25c. and 50c. values, respectively.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly).

BARBADOS—Type 1925, wmkd. mult. crown and script C. A., perf. 14:

A19—3p. red brown on yellow
(Scott's Monthly Journal).

BRUNEL—New distinct shades. The 2c. is appearing in a yellowish green and the 5c. in a paler chocolate than before. Also these two with the 8c. are line-perforated, whereas we had only seen them comb-perf. before.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly).

CHILE—National Library. Undernoted overprinted diagonally from left to right, with overprint same as is on Scott's #328. Perf. 18½ x 14½:

A62—20c. purple-brown (black)
(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly).

We note that the last issue of Scott's Monthly Journal tentatively lists the set we chronicled April 25th.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—National Library Stamps. Two values of the series heralded in our notes of May 9th, have now appeared. Upright rectangles, unwmkd., perf. 13½:

A52—3c. violet (Pres. Trujillo)
A54—7c. slate blue (Gen. Antonio Duverge)
(Scott's Monthly Journal).

From Gibbons' Stamp Monthly we learn the definite values of the above set, yet to appear: ½, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30 and 50c. and 2 pesos. We also learn from the same source that as there were only 100,000 of the ½c. noted by us Feb. 29th, this stamp was sold out within a month of issue.

EGYPT—The stamps chronicled April 4th were sold out before the end of February, after having only been placed on sale the 15th of that month, so we are told. Whether this refers to all values of the set we are not certain.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly).

GABON—In the latest Scott's Monthly Journal we note they list the 5c. value with the overprint noted by us May 9th, in addition to the other values we chronicled at that time. We also learn from Gibbons' Stamp Monthly that the 1fr., 1.50fr. and 2fr. are already sold out in their original forms and are now only for sale with the new overprint.

GUATEMALA—New Postage and Air Mail stamps will be issued at an early date. Ordinary postage: ½c. and 5c.; Domestic Air Mail: 50c. and 1Q.; International Air Mail: 4c., 50c., 1Q., 2½Q. and 5Q.

(Whitfield, King & Co.)

INDIA—Bhopal. Additions to the provisionals noted by us April 25th. Surcharged on Scott's Nos. 214, 215, 216 and 217:

¼a. on ½a. yellow green (red)
3p. on ½a. yellow green (red)
a. "THREE PIES" for "THREE PIES"
¼a. on 2a. ultramarine (red)
3p. on 2a. (noted previously)
a. "THREE PIES" for "THREE PIES"
¼a. on 4a. chocolate (red)
3a. on 4a. chocolate (red)
a. "THREE PIES" for "THREE PIES"
1a. on ½a. yellow green (violet)
1a. on 2a. (noted previously)
a. First "N" in "ANNA" inverted

Also a new triangular design for this State, overprinted "SERVICE." Lithographed, perf. 13¾:

1a3p. blue on claret
(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly).

We also learn the following data concerning the provisionals listed above, from Whitfield, King & Co. Owing to the revised postal rates a 1¼ anna stamp was necessary. For some unknown reason, possibly due to the printer not having sufficient type, the top two rows of these ¼ anna provisionals are overprinted "¼a" while the remaining eight rows are overprinted "Three Pies." Therefore in each sheet it is possible to obtain ten pairs of the two varieties se tenant. The inverted "N" variety noted above occurs on the fifth stamp in the fourth row. The 1¼a. blue on claret listed above is the new permanent design.

ITALY—Commemoratives. 17th Annual Trade Fair at Milan. Two designs, horizontal rectangular format, wmkd. crowns, perf. 14:

A195—20c. red (Airplane view of Milan)
A196—30c. brown (Allegory of Industry)
A196—50c. purple (same)
A195—1.25L. blue (same as 20c.)
(Scott's Monthly Journal).

JUGOSLAVIA—A special series of stamps for the benefit of the Yugoslavian Union for the Protection of Children were due to appear May 15th. The stamps will bear a portrait of the Queen Mother, there being four denominations in the series and 100,000 to be printed. The issue will be good for postage up to August 15th, at which time they will be demonitized.

Two stamps are due to appear July 15th to commemorate the Yugoslavian scientist, Nikola Tesla.

(Scott's Monthly Journal).

NICARAGUA—Additional stamps overprinted in blue with the "Resello 1935" in an oblong network box, as noted in our previous chronicles. Unwmkd., perf. 12:

A25—¼c. on 6c. olive brown
A24—1c. olive green
A25—2c. carmine rose
A24—3c. light blue
A24—5c. olive brown
A25—6c. bistre brown
A25—10c. light brown

Same overprint on Air Post Stamps of 1933 and provisionals of 1935. Overprint in blue with single exception noted below:

API—10c. on 25c. olive black (red)
API—10c. on 25c. olive black
API—30c. on 50c. orange red
API—35c. on 50c. light blue
API—40c. on 1Cor. yellow
API—55c. on 1Cor. green

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New U. S. Specialized Catalogue

The Scott Stamp and Coin Company placed on sale on Saturday, May 9th, a new edition of the U. S. Specialized Catalogue. The book is in blue cloth and bears the inscription, "1936 Exhibition Edition."

We are told that the first edition of this new specialized catalogue was sold out on the first day and Mr. Clark stated when we talked with him in New York that they hoped to have another printing ready about May 23rd. He stated that their printing plant was running 24 hours a day in an effort to get caught up with various publications.

This new catalogue contains many price advances, especially in 20th century issues together with many additions to listings of these issues. There are about 60 more pages than in the previous edition issued last fall. Many new items are listed and priced and much additional and valuable information is included in the fore part of the catalogue.

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